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# Watch: What's Behind 'Mystery Wave' of Pneumonia Striking Children in China?

*John Campbell, Ph.D., this week explained what's known so far about the surge in pneumonia affecting children in China, and why it likely isn't a new pandemic but possibly may indicate the presence of an antibiotic-resistant bacterial infection.*

By **Brenda Baletti, Ph.D.**

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Reports of a "mystery wave of pneumonia" circulating among children in China have some people wondering if there's a new pandemic afoot, internet lecturer John Campbell, Ph.D., said in a recent YouTube video.

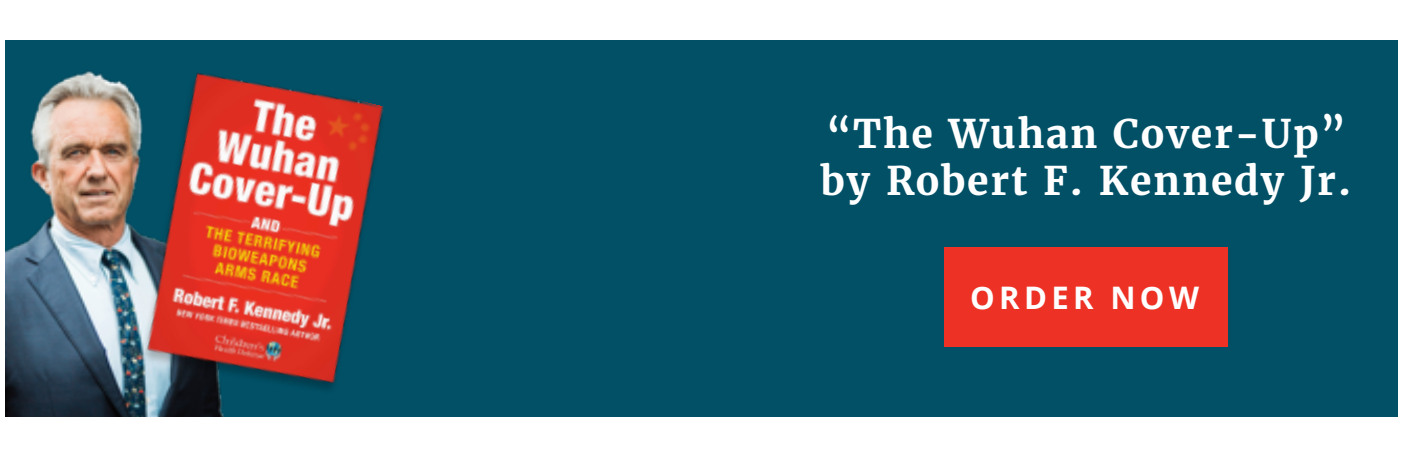
"The short answer appears to be no," said Campbell, a former emergency room nurse and teacher. However, a survey of the available information indicates there are "some strange things that are happening that don't quite make sense."

Campbell cited questions regarding what is causing the respiratory infections surge and whether the symptoms are typical.

The Chinese Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization (WHO) have reported an upsurge in respiratory infections among children in northern China. China reported that 3,500 children were admitted to the hospital in October and November. The Beijing Friendship Hospital pediatrics department on Nov. 11 told Radio Free Asia the department was fielding about 1,000 calls a day requesting emergency treatment.

Campbell said there are clearly clusters of pneumonia that need an explanation.

Given how long and intensely China was locked down during the COVID-19 pandemic, a certain number of rebound respiratory infections are expected among children who, because they were isolated during lockdown and not exposed to the typical number of pathogens, experience a "community immunity debt."



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That led Chinese authorities and the WHO to conclude the respiratory illnesses are normal.

But according to Campbell, there are some unusual in this surge, including that for the first time, China is reporting the presence of Mycoplasma pneumoniae. Mycoplasma is an unusual form of simple, small bacteria that can cause atypical pneumonia in some children and adults.

Local reports suggest this type of pneumonia is manifesting as inflammation in the lungs and a high fever, but with no cough. The lack of cough is inconsistent with pneumonia or mycoplasmic infection, Campbell said.

Pneumonia normally occurs in only 5-10% of people with a myoplasmic infection, but the glut of pneumonia occurring indicates the infection is causing it at higher rates or that the myoplasmic bacterial infection is incredibly common, he added.

The WHO has requested lab results and data trends related to this from Chinese health authorities.

"One thing that really concerned me here was the World Health Organization said they did this under the terms of the International Health Regulations (IHR), which of course we know they're in the process of trying to amend to make them really even stronger," Campbell said.

He added that China adheres 100% to the IHR and that whatever China has said, the Who "just seems to have regurgitated."

China has said the increase in hospitalizations is due to known pathogens, which would be things like adenovirus influenza, and influenza, but Chinese health officials also added mycoplasma pneumonia.

But, he said, the Messenger reported that "Chinese medical statistics remain deeply unreliable." For example, China maintains a total COVID-19 death count of 120,000 nationwide, but independent estimates say it is closer to 2 million from COVID-19 or associated restrictions.

It is concerning that the WHO is simply echoing whatever the Chinese health authorities, Campbell said. "Should we expect more interrogation and rigor from the World Health Organization?"

Chinese officials also attributed some of the spike in infections to increased surveillance because since mid-October, they have been conducting enhanced surveillance and testing.

While that might contribute some, Campbell said, the surge is large. There have also been surges of respiratory viruses and influenza in the U.K and U.S.

Mycoplasma does affect the lungs, he said, but typically it causes walking pneumonia, a form of pneumonia that usually responds to antibiotics and does not require hospitalization.

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"Now is there going to be another pandemic?" He asked. "I think the answer to that is no."

With mycoplasma, he said, slow household spread is common and it is typically a disease of young people. It does occur in outbreaks, he said, but it is not particularly seasonal.

There is some inconsistency with the seasonality, and outbreaks are expected, although this outbreak seems larger than is typically expected.

Bacterial pneumonia can often occur after a viral infection, he said, so one question to ask is, "Is there a common virus here that's predisposing people to bacterial infections? Could this be a novel virus?"

He said there is not enough data to tell, but people are usually more susceptible to such infections after a virus, so that is a possibility, but there is no evidence for a novel virus or bacterial infection.

"What we're probably dealing with here is potentially dangerous micoplasma antibiotic-resistance," Campbell said.

Studies from Beijing show that the bacterial resistance to myoplasmic pneumonia in Beijing is between 70-90%, he said and typically mycoplasma infections are treated with antibiotics.

Children who are sick could be infected with an antibiotic-resistant strain. If that were to spread globally, he said, the main danger is that people would have difficulty treating it.

Even if it were multiple-drug-resistant mycoplasma, he said, it doesn't change the transmission characteristics or pathogenicity of the bacterium. If it isn't easily treated with antibiotics, he said, there will be more of it around, which means greater potential for more spread.

"Why the Chinese authorities and the World Health Organization wouldn't want to discuss something as straightforward as bacterial resistance is difficult to know but there is a culture of secrecy in certain authorities in China so it's not that surprising really."

"It's a pity" he said, that in its press release, the WHO doesn't talk about optimizing the immune system with nutrition, vitamin D, sleep and exercise. Instead it talks about mask-wearing and isolation, which, he said, "didn't work very well during the COVID pandemic, did it?"

"We can no longer fully depend on antibiotics the way we once could," Campbell. "Perhaps we need to be looking at ways of upgrading the immune system so that if people get this infection it is less serious for them to suffer from."

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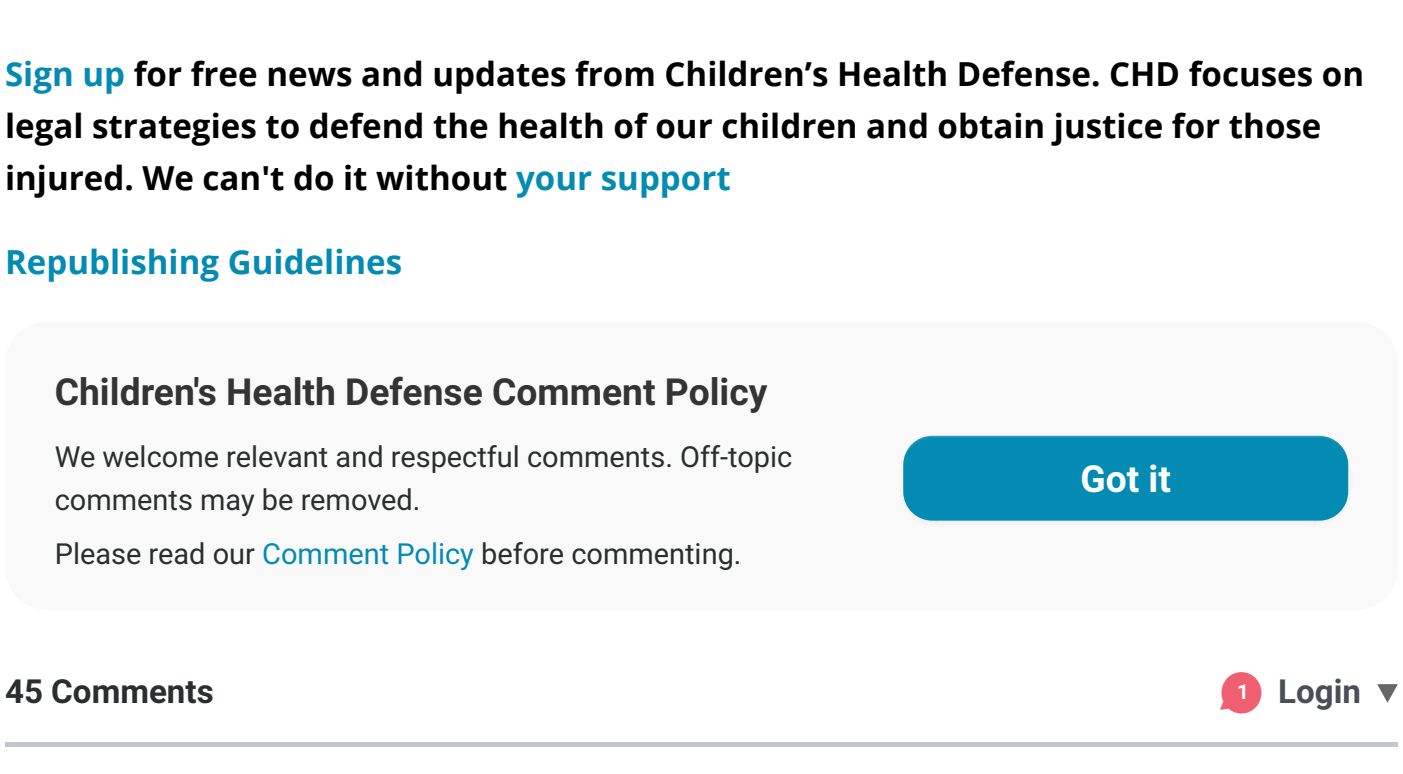

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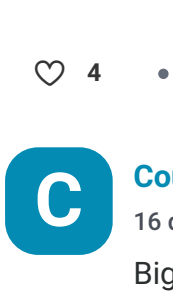

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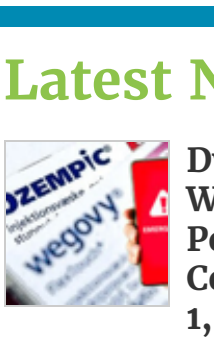

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Bigger question is what did the CCP release this time or what was added to the childhood shots that might have caused this?
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> **Beatrice** → Countrygirl1411
> 16 days ago
> This is just my opinion but I believe this is exactly the result of putting selective pressure on the original gain of function SARS virus by vaccinating during a ' plandemic'. I just read a headline on Medscape regarding yet another mutation has been identified. However, if this is the result of gain of function, the medical authoritarians will never admit to that. Here is their pathetic expert medical update from Dec. 1:
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> "At this time, BA.2.86 does not appear to be driving increases in infections or hospitalizations in the United States," the CDC wrote in its Monday advisory.
> "It is not possible at this time to know whether BA.2.86 infection produces different symptoms from other variants. In general, symptoms of COVID-19 tend to be similar across variants. The types of symptoms and how severe they are usually depend more on a person's immunity than which variant causes the infection."
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> **UnionMember** → Countrygirl1411
> 16 days ago
> Ask someone in China. Happens every winter.
> So what?
> Western media pumps it up
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**GarySummers**
16 days ago edited
"Strange"?
Usually 'Pneumonia' is not contagious?
Why has not the US Govt, stopped all Travelers from China?, and Vice Versa?
Some now saying it has been in Ohio, and Massachusetts, for the last Six Months, also known as "White Lung Disease?"
May this be caused by 'Covid mRNA Serum Vaccine Aids'?, or the 'Immune System being suppressed by the mRNA Serum Jabs'?
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> **Beatrice** → GarySummers
> 16 days ago
> Let's see, ' gain of function' causes gain of function or rather, rapid and more dangerous mutations that spread quickly through a population. We also know that the vaccines cause mutations and more serious breakthrough infections in the recipient of the vaccine and people exposed to them. We also know that many scientists predicted this would happen.
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> **Kim from Brooklyn** → GarySummers
> 15 days ago
> Not to fail to mention factory, pharmacy, oil, etc factories, trains and explosions in the area, not to mention radiation ovens planted outside our homes, schools and hospitals!
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> How much of sudden health problems is related to what was exposed during the explosions and such and what those explosions were covering up what was actually taking place?
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> It's never going to be easy to figure out why so many are sick now, Most likely, all part of the plan to kill, destroy and conquer.
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> > **GarySummers** → Kim from Brooklyn
> > 14 days ago edited
> > *"BREAKING"*
> > "What Could Be Causing The 'White Lung' Pneumonia Spike In China & The US?"
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> > ""WHITE LUNG SYNDROME" IS A COVID19 "VACCINE" ADVERSE REACTION:"
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> > https://thepeoplesvoice.tv/...
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> > **GarySummers** → UnionMember
> > 16 days ago edited
> > Yes China? In USA! Plus 'Open Borders' Fentanyl.
> > "WATCH: O'Keefe Media Group Goes Undercover in 'Fresno, California' to Report on Illegal "Chinese-Funded" Bio Lab"
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> > O'Keefe Media Group went undercover in Fresno County, California to report on the Chinese-funded bio lab in Reedley.
> > On March 3, an illegal bio lab was discovered in a believed-to-be vacant building in Reedley, California in Fresno County.
> > https://www.thegatewaypundi...
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**holisticpoet**
16 days ago
I think this article is way off track. With the devastating smog and air pollution that China has been experiencing lately, it is a wonder that the whole population does not have some form of respiratory ailment. But this is the last thing that the Chinese government wants to broadcast to the people is that they are sick because of the pollution.

Within the last 30 days China has issued orange level air pollution alerts with some factories curtailing production. So anyone who believes that these illnesses are caused from just a pathogen needs to look just a little deeper into reality. Besides, when the WHO gets involved you can be sure there is information being misdirected somewhere for a cause or purpose that we have yet to understand.
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> **GarySummers** → holisticpoet
> 16 days ago
> Plus who may really know what the Biden Admin, and Xi. discussed in SF, a week and a half ago?
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> One of the first things the Biden Admin did was to put us back in the WHO, and give them a big chunk of Taxpayer $$!
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> **tony** → holisticpoet
> 14 days ago
> Agreed. China is now averaging one new coal factory every week. They have zero concern for their citizens or slaves. They choke 'em out, we give the death-jab
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> **Jennifo** → holisticpoet
> 14 days ago
> Climate change! ;)
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**Beatrice**
16 days ago edited
Is it really surprising to Campbell that the WHO regurgitates anything the CCP tells them? The WHO IS an extension of the CCP and until the US acknowledges this and gets out of it, we are all in danger.

And, what about the mystery virus killing our pets? What about all the flies that don't seem to be affected by freezing weather? Anyone else notice and exaggerated population of flies in their home? I only mention the flies because I heard others complain about this before I also noticed the same problem in my house. It has been as low as 23 degrees and they are still flying around outside. I also noticed hundreds of yellow jackets outside and they should be gone as well.

If you don't approve of the one world government that dictator Biden and the WHO are attempting to install then visit: https://worldcouncilforheal...
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> **GarySummers** → Beatrice
> 16 days ago edited
> Maybe their is a lot more to Gates Genetically Modified Mosquitos he released in Florida,?
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> "Plus the Secret CCP Bio-Labs in USA?"
> "Secret China-Linked Bio-Lab in California Was Holding "Deadly Viruses" Including Refrigerators Full of Ebola, COVID, Herpes, HIV and E. Coli and Hundreds of Mice Engineered to Carry COVID Virus (VIDEO)" https://www.thegatewaypundi...
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> > **Beatrice** → GarySummers
> > 15 days ago
> > Exactly .
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**Paul Hastilow**
15 days ago
I would bet the Obvious Cause, is due to the Mass Inoculation Process amongst the Whole Population.
Their Immune systems have been compromised with the programme of Multiple shots.
They are Defenceless to the most basic form of lung disease,
They are "For Ever Compromised" due to Tyrannical Mandates by CCP.
The Administration were waiting for Winter to come… They knew it would happen.
What worries me, is Why.? They have "Opened the Country for No Visa Requirements for 6 Nations world wide. Is this their intent, or WHO's plan,
To infect the World Again, so WHO can get One World Order Control….?
The Last time was an Army Convention including American Soldiers.!
If you want to visit China take a Stache of Ivermectin with You for Protection…!
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**Lavern Anjanette**
16 days ago
if it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck....it's a duck....same playbook....different lie....DO NOT COMPLY!!!
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**CastleConnell**
16 days ago
Don't trust China's info or motives.
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> **UnionMember** → CastleConnell
> 16 days ago
> Ask someone in China. Happens every winter.
> So what?
> Western media pumps it up, not China
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> > **CastleConnell** → UnionMember
> > 15 days ago
> > But at the beginning of covid we saw videos from China of people collapsing on the streets, that did not happen anywhere else?
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**Tom Bernard**
16 days ago
Once again; aren't we listening to liars? China has an enormous air pollution issue. I've remember reading about China's air quality problems at the onset of the covid scam. It was estimated that over 300,000 people die annually from the polluted air. Maybe Fauci and XI should go on a media run incorporating 'all the facts' into a song and dance routine; because as we all know. China and Fauci never lie.
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> **UnionMember** → Tom Bernard
> 16 days ago
> Yep
> Ask someone in China. Happens every winter.
> So what?
> Western media pumps it up
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**DLT88**
16 days ago
Same thing is happening to dogs in the United Sates. Very suspicious. I suspect it's a bioweapon hit AGAIN just like covid is a bioweapon hit by the fivegee.
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> **Kim from Brooklyn** → DLT88
> 15 days ago
> Both my cats "suddenly " are sick...not eating, drinking and just "dull"...what gives?
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**Gary Brown**
15 days ago
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> **RHE9** → Gary Brown
> 13 days ago
> BINGO!
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**Sharon Har**
16 days ago
I would avoid plane travel. Seems like a flying petri dish where everyone is exposed to everyone else.
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> **Kim from Brooklyn** → Sharon Har
> 15 days ago
> Anytime I would have to fly, I knew I was subjecting myself to millions of germs and bugs from millions of people from all over the world.....
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> Yet, when my feet stepped off the same plane and the warmth of the sun or the magnificence of a different land was before my eyes, all the buggers in the world take a back seat as I prepare for a new adventure.
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> Life is a gamble. We don't even realize how special we all are just being alive. Make life worth living in by experiencing our God given right to a good life and pray for those that may want to hurt us so that they find peace and love in their hearts. This, I believe, is the only solution.
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> > **BChristine** → Kim from Brooklyn
> > 15 days ago
> > Beautifully said, but I still won't fly :)
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> > > **Kim from Brooklyn** → BChristine
> > > 15 days ago
> > > :) Got ya!
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> > **Leslie Taylor** → Kim from Brooklyn
> > 15 days ago edited
> > I'm an artist and have been working on, quite obsessed with actually, a painting titled "The Victory of the Human Spirit - Christ Consciousness." I'm not religious - can count on two hands how many times I've been inside a church. I read the Bible and the New Testament twice in my 20s and from there on kept on reading religious, spiritual, scientific and philosophical literature. I had two spontaneous mystical experiences (decades ago) and other beautiful supernatural experiences that have led to my being convinced of the existence of God and that miracles are a fact of life. I won't go into how the idea for the painting came about, but I swear, it's resulting in more synchronistic experiences beyond anything I've ever experienced before, sometimes several a day. Also, as a result, I feel more and more as you have expressed here above including feeling more loving, forgiving and peace of mind as I paint it -- it's bringing me into being me as much as I'm creating it. How artists, all kinds, can bear to create ugly, violent and tragic works, I couldn't say. The artists themselves probably don't feel well - neither do the rest of us who admire such works. See detail below, not the typical and ubiquitous representation of the tortured and dead figure of Christ on the cross but
> >
> > see more
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> > > **Kim from Brooklyn** → Leslie Taylor
> > > 15 days ago
> > > Your post made me smile! Thank you.
> > >
> > > And the painting is very nice and the title is powerful and encouraging! I enjoy painting as well so I can appreciate the excitement behind doing one like this! Enjoy!
> > > 1 0 Reply • Share ›

**Kim from Brooklyn**
15 days ago edited
I think if instead of constantly forewarning, warning and/or predicting what is , what will and what may happen, anytime something comes up, look at it from a logical perspective and share "positive" information instead of "fear mongering" information.

Anytime something negative happens in a large scale, there is a percentage of people that will become more fearful, another group that will be like "Yeah, right" and another group that will become more invested in learning the truth and facts to the best of our ability.

This still leaves us ALL with more information than we can handle and I am wondering how much of everything lately is a ploy to make us all "freakin nuts!".

Just my thoughts...not to discount the fact that people get sick, die or get sick and recover.
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> **Beatrice** → Kim from Brooklyn
> 15 days ago
> I'm a nut in the " Yeah, right" tribe....hahahaha I'm a genetically-forced skeptic and rarely "react" with fear and hysteria. Like you suggest, it's best to sit back and just analyze the information as it comes in. At some point it will become clear whether we need to hide under the table or dismiss it as nonsense. Even so, I do believe it's still good to read the headlines of the "National Enquirer" to keep informed of what info is circulating so we can prepare ourselves for any confrontations that may arise.
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> > **Kim from Brooklyn** → Beatrice
> > 15 days ago
> > I prefer National Lampoon, but either will do!
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> > > **Beatrice** → Kim from Brooklyn
> > > 15 days ago
> > > Wow, wouldn't it be great if our world today was as sane as the Lampoon was crazy.
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**LinUK**
16 days ago
Remember the 'tabletop exercise' that came after Event 201, rehearsing for a pandemic that will attack mostly children.
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> **Jennifo** → LinUK
> 14 days ago
> Because convid didn't work on kids so they have to think up something. Absolutely diabolical.
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> **Kim from Brooklyn** → LinUK
> 15 days ago
> Ugh....yes. I remember....

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**Rob DF**
15 days ago

""Should we expect more interrogation and rigor from the World Health Organization?" Is this a joke? Is this guy a buffon? You haven't figured out what the WHO is yet? Do you need someone to draw you a picture (actually that's been done too...). Reallllyyyy?

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**Zoe**
15 days ago

This was news 11 months ago. Is this a rehash as the scaremongering didn't work last time or is it a yearly event that is now becoming more prevalent due to poor immunity following the jab?

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**Ronald Martono**
15 days ago

Fear Mongering - people need to fear disease. Complete bull about the bacteria theory being the cause of pneumonia, 4th biological natural law. There is no need to fear "antibiotic resistant" bacteria. Antibiotics therapeutic efficacy lies in shifting patient into sympathicotonic state, they are working via the brain, can be useful even in the New Medicine.

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**UnionMember**
16 days ago

Nothing. Ask someone in China. Happens every winter.
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> **Kim from Brooklyn** ➦ UnionMember
> 15 days ago
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> My friend from China told me once "never trust the Chinese"....
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> Does that mean I shouldn't trust her?
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> Sheesh.....:)
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